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# **CONVEYING PARTY DATA**

| Name                            | Formerly | Execution Date | Entity Type                 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Southern Management Corporation |          | 12/21/2021     | Corporation: SOUTH CAROLINA |

# **RECEIVING PARTY DATA**

| Name:           | Thaxton Investment Corporation   |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Street Address: | 101 North Main Street, Suite 600 |
| City:           | Greenville                       |
| State/Country:  | SOUTH CAROLINA                   |
| Postal Code:    | 29601                            |
| Entity Type:    | Corporation: SOUTH CAROLINA      |

# **PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 12**

| Property Type  | Number   | Word Mark                           |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Serial Number: | 77038371 | HEIGHTS FINANCE CORPORATION         |
| Serial Number: | 77059826 | HF                                  |
| Serial Number: | 85912908 | SMC SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION |
| Serial Number: | 86001719 | MYMONEYTOGO.COM                     |
| Serial Number: | 86002023 | RETAILEXPRESS                       |
| Serial Number: | 86043589 | WE GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR WHO YOU ARE  |
| Serial Number: | 90360516 | LENDING A HAND IN OUR COMMUNITY     |
| Serial Number: | 90898717 | HEIGHTS FINANCE                     |
| Serial Number: | 90898719 | Н                                   |
| Serial Number: | 90898720 | Н                                   |
| Serial Number: | 90898721 | H HEIGHTS FINANCE                   |
| Serial Number: | 90898723 | H HEIGHTS FINANCE                   |

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| DATE SIGNED:            | 03/31/2022           |

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# **ARTICLES OF MERGER**

Corporation - Domestic and Foreign

Pursuant to Section 33-11-105 of the 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended, the undersigned as the surviving corporation in a merger, hereby submits the following information:

| l. The nai          | me of t  | ne surviving corp                  | poration is  |  |                                 |                 |                |
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| Thax                | ton Inve | estment Corpora                    | tion .   | ,  |                                 | •               |                |
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|                     |          |                                    | art of hereof is a copy of<br>Merger <u>must</u> be attact |  |                                 | rs, Title 33, C | hapter 11).    |
| . Comple<br>transac |          | following informa                  | ation to the extent it is n                                | elevant with respect to                          | each corpora                    | ation which is  | a party to the |
| (a) Na              | me of t  | he corporation:                    | ·  |  |                                 |                 |                |
| Tha                 | kton Inv | estment Corpor                     | ation ·  |  |                                 |                 |                |
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| Cor                 | nplete   | either (1) or (2)                  | , whichever is applica                                     | bie.   |                                 | •               | •              |
| (1)                 | X        | Shareholder ap                     | proval of the merger wa                                    | as not required [see S                           | .C. Code of La                  | ws §33-11-1     | 03(h)] .       |
| (2)                 |          | The Plan of Me                     | rger was duly approved                                     | by shareholders of th                            | e corporation                   | as follows:     |                |
| Vot<br>Gro          | _        | Number of<br>Outstanding<br>Shares | Number of Votes<br>Entitled to be Cast                     | Number of Votes<br>Represented at<br>the Meeting | Total Numb<br>Votes Cast<br>For |                 | Against        |
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of undisputed votes cast for the Plan of Merger separately by each voting group with a statement that the number of votes cast for the plan by each voting group was sufficient for approval by that voting group.

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| •                    |   |  | Thaxton investment Corporation                   |   |               |
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| Complet              |   | , whichever is applica                               |  | -   |               |
| (1) X                | Shareholder ap                          | proval of the merger wa                              | is not required [see S.                          | .C. Code of Laws §33-11-10                        | 3(h)].        |
| (2)                  | The Plan of Me                          | rger was duly approved                               | by shareholders of th                            | ne corporation as follows:                        |               |
| Voting<br>Group      | Number of<br>Outstanding<br>Shares      | Number of Votes<br>Entitled to be Cast               | Number of Votes<br>Represented at<br>the Meeting | Total Number of Votes Cast* ForAND-               | ,<br>Against  |
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| NOTE: Pu             | rsuant to S.C. Coo                      | te of Laws §33-11-105(                               | a)(3)(ii), the corporation                       | on can alternatively state the                    | total numi    |
|                      |   | ne Plan of Merger separ<br>In voting group was suffi |  | proup with a statement that the hat yoting group. | e number      |
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| Jnless a del         | ayed date is spec                       | ified, the effective date                            | of this document shall                           | be the date it is accepted for                    | r filing by t |
| Secretary of         | State [see S.C. C                       | code of Laws §33-1-230                               | (b)]. These Articles<br>on December              | of Merger shall be effective                      | as of 11:5    |
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# **PLAN OF MERGER**

Exhibit A

# SOUTHERN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION WITH AND INTO THAXTON INVESTMENT CORPORATION

- 1. Thaxton Investment Corporation, a South Carolina corporation ("<u>Parent</u>"), is the owner of all of the issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of Southern Management Corporation, a South Carolina corporation ("<u>Subsidiary</u>").
- 2. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, as amended (the "Act"), and this Plan of Merger, at the Effective Time (as defined below), Subsidiary shall be merged with and into Parent, with Parent being the surviving corporation (the "Surviving Corporation") from and after the Effective Time, at which time the separate corporate existence of Subsidiary shall cease.
- 3. The articles of incorporation of Parent at the Effective Time shall be the articles of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation, and said articles of incorporation shall continue in full force and effect until amended in the manner prescribed by the applicable provisions of the Act and any applicable provisions of said articles of incorporation.
- 4. The bylaws of Parent at the Effective Time shall be the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation, and said bylaws shall continue in full force and effect until amended in the manner prescribed by the applicable provisions of the Act and any applicable provisions of said bylaws.
- 5. The directors and officers of Parent at the Effective Time shall be the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation, and shall hold their respective offices until the election and qualification of their respective successors or until their tenure is otherwise terminated in accordance with the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation.
- 6. At the Effective Time: title to all real estate and other property owned by each of Parent and Subsidiary shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation without reversion or impairment; and the Surviving Corporation shall have all liabilities of Parent and Subsidiary.
- 7. At the Effective Time: each issued and outstanding share of the capital stock of Subsidiary shall be canceled and extinguished without any conversion thereof; and each issued and outstanding share of the capital stock of Parent shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but shall continue to represent one issued and outstanding share of the capital stock of the Surviving Corporation.
- 8. The merger herein provided for shall be effective at the later of the filing of articles of merger, as prescribed by the Act, with the Secretary of State of the State of South Carolina, or 11:59 PM Eastern Time on December 31, 2021 (the "Effective Time").
- 9. This Plan of Merger shall be approved by the board of directors of Parent in accordance with Section 33-11-104 of the Act, without a vote of the shareholders of the Parent or any action by Subsidiary.

TRADEMARK REEL: 007666 FRAME: 0729 10. Following approval of this Plan of Merger by the board of directors of Parent, the authorized officers of Parent shall execute and file articles of merger, as prescribed by the Act, with the Secretary of State of the State of South Carolina, and shall do any and all other acts, and shall make, execute, deliver, file, and/or record any and all other instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out or put into effect the merger provided for herein.